

Preserve a free press

I am writing to oppose any change in the laws and regulations concerning media ownership. Please consider the following:

One party now controls the Presidency, the Congress and, to the degree with which it can be stated, the courts.

While the Internet offers a wide range of information, a staggering number of people use television as their only source of information.

You have been appointed to your position as a representative of the people and the populace does not support broader ownership.

Thomas Jefferson once remarked:

"The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right; and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate for a moment to prefer the latter."

As stated above, television is now the media of choice for most people and if Jefferson were alive he would surely recognize that.

And finally A J Liebling said:

"Freedom of the press is guaranteed only to those who own one."

Recent reports that the government mislead us and "cooked the books" in reporting intelligence findings make it imperative that act as the people's representative.

Sincerely,

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